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SUBJECT: LJUBICIC QUESTIONS SINCERITY OF YUGOSLAVIA'S
FOREIGN SUPPORTERS

1. IN JULY 7 SPEECH IN BELA CRKVA MARKING SERBIAN
UPRISING DAY, SECRETARY FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE LJUBICIC
CRITICIZED THOSE ABROAD WHO SAY THEY SUPPORT STRONG AND
STABLE YUGOSLAVIA BUT WHOSE ACTS DO NOT BACK UP WORDS.
"IF THIS WERE TRUE THEY WOULD NOT ... APPLY PRESSURE
AND RATTLE WEAPONS NEAR OUR BORDERS, THEY WOULD NOT PUT
LIMITATIONS ON THE SALE OF WEAPONS TO OUR COUNTRY AND
WOULD NOT CREATE FOR US VARIOUS ECONOMIC AND OTHER
DIFFICULTIES."

2. COMMENT: STATEMENT ECHOES SENTIMENTS LJUBICIC
EXPRESSED DURING AMBASSADOR'S RECENT CALL, WHEN FORMER
SAID BOTH US AND USSR EXPRESS STRONG SUPPORT FOR YUGOSLAV
INDEPENDENCE BUT TAKE ACTIONS WHICH, IN YUGOSLAV VIEW,
BELIE THEIR STATED INTENTIONS. WHILE PUBLIC CHARGES
OF SABER-RATTLING (I.E., LAST YEAR'S NATO MANEUVERS)
AND ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES (PROBABLY REFERENCE TO EEC)
ARE NOT NEW, THIS IS FIRST PUBLIC REFERENCE WE RECALL
TO LIMITATIONS ON SALE OF WEAPONS.

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